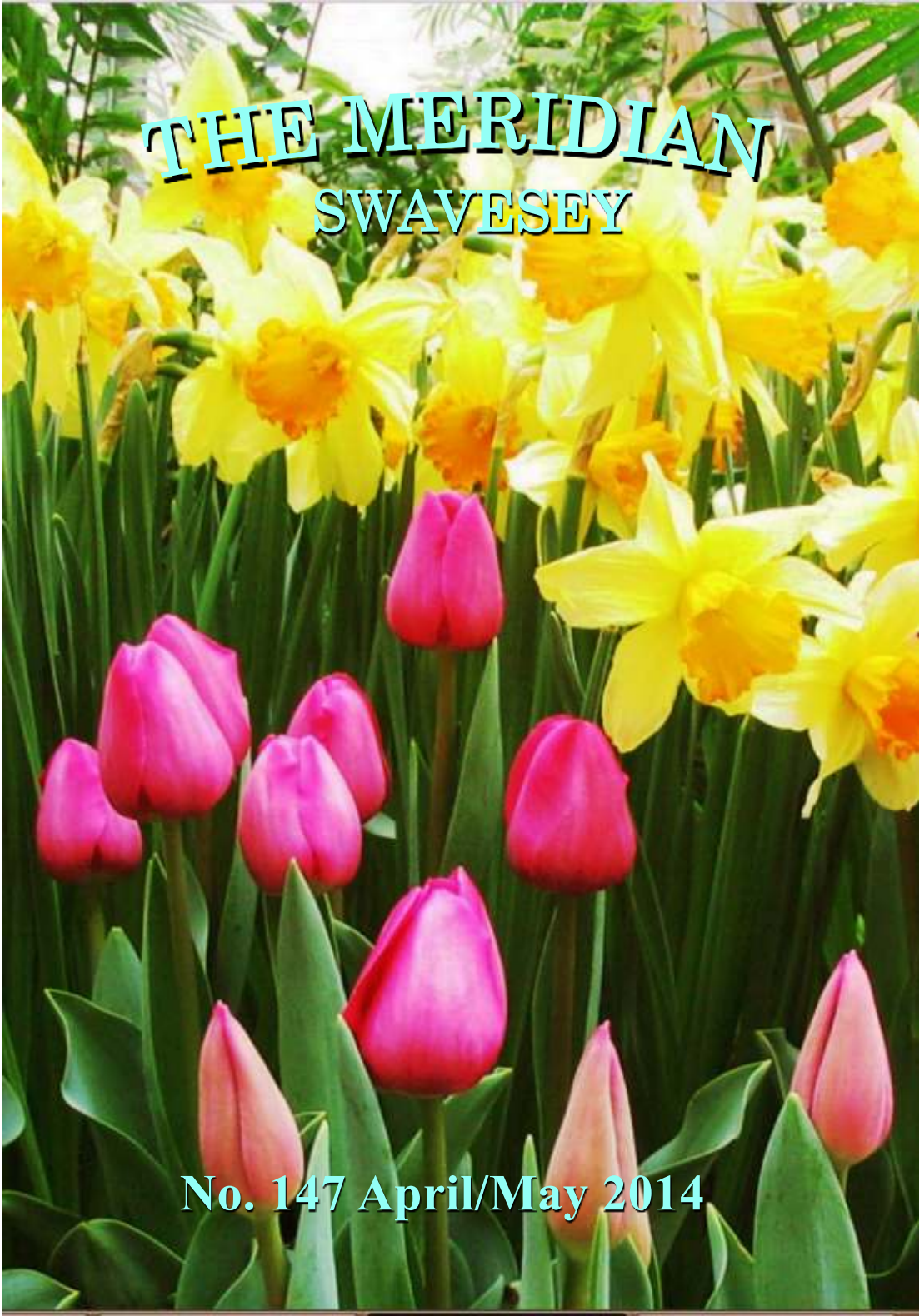
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Midsummer
Barn Dance in the Park
@ Swavesey Village Green

Friday 20 June 2014

7.45pm - midnight

• Licensed Bar •

£16 per person

Includes fantastic World Cup themed food

(Dress code: World Cup colours)

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EDITORIAL

It's getting closer! What is? The next Swavesey festival of course! A week of events for everyone so make sure you check out the leaflet in this issue and also in the next one for details of what is happening. Look out for posters and check out the festival website.

The end of April also sees the return of the Yesteryear Road Run to this area. This year they are raising money for Cancer Research so come and watch them go past and maybe put something in the collection buckets.

Do you want to get more involved with your community? why not stand for election to the parish council? More information in this edition.

Finally thanks to our many contributors for getting their items to me on time- it is a big help to the team so please keep on doing it!

Deadline for the June/July issue is **20 April.**
Ed

Cover Photo - 'Tulips & Daffodils"

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Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details.
A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the magazine and also on our website at www.swavesey.org.uk

2014

Sunday, April 27, Yesteryear Road Run - Vintage vehicles passing through Swavesey
A return to the original route starting in Cottenham, Alan Lampard, 01954 200811

Sunday, May 11, THE FIVE PUB CHALLENGE - Sponsored Charity 11.5 Mile Circular Walk - 11.00 am start from The Over Day Centre & THE MERIDIAN MEANDER - Sponsored Charity 26.2 Mile Circular Walk - 8.00 am start from The Over Day Centre, Amanda Monks, 07891 890302

Saturday, June 14, Swavesey Festival 2014 - This is the first day of the bi-annual week long festival, Simon Shore, (01954) 230848

Friday, June 20, Midsummer Barn Dance in the Park at Swavesey Village Green.
7.45pm to midnight - Licensed Bar - £16 per person including food, Nicole Mulee, 01954 201061

Saturday, June 21, Swavesey Festival 2014 - This is the grand finale of the bi-annual week long festival, Simon Shore, (01954) 230848

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April		
Wednesday 2	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 3	Swavesey Camera Club	Photography in a Flat Landscape - Tom Mackie is recognised as one of the world's finest landscape photographers.
Thursday 10	Swavesey Parish Council	Parish Council Meeting - Planning Meeting 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall
Sunday 13	Swavesey Camera Club	Outing to Wicken Fen - With Tom Mackie's talk fresh in our minds, we embark on this shoot, to practice our skills in this unique landscape.
Sunday 13	St Andrew's Church	Messy Easter - Craft - Worship - Tea. 4-6pm at St Andrews Church. This event is for families, you are all very welcome
Wednesday 16	Swavesey Parish Council	Annual Parish Meeting - This is a Parish Meeting and not a Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall
Thursday 17	Swavesey Camera Club	Evening shoot – Saffron Walden. Our meeting relocates to Saffron Walden, where we will be seeking the golden hour to picture those evocative streets and buildings.
Thursday 24	Swavesey Camera Club	The Art of Travel Photography - A must-see lecture for anyone who enjoys travel photography whether that be on a family holiday or a bespoke photographic trip
Sunday 27	Yesteryear Road Run	Yesteryear Road Run - Vintage vehicles passing through Swavesey. A return to the original route starting in Cottenham
Monday 28	Swavesey Parish Council	Parish Council Meeting - Full Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall
May		
Thursday 1	Swavesey Parish Council	FREE Kerbside Collection of Waste Electrical Appliances
Thursday 1	Swavesey Camera Club	Set Subject Competition - Judge: Russell Lindsay: The subject of our third set subject competition is "Worn Out".

Thursday 8	Swavesey Camera Club	DSLR Videography - Most digital cameras now have the facility to record video, many of them in high definition, but how many of us have explored this rather more complicated world of image (and sound) making?
Thursday 8	Swavesey Parish Council	Parish Council Meeting - Planning Meeting 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall
Saturday 10	April Martin	April Burgess Martin School of Ballet presents Napoli. 3.15pm or 7.30pm at Swavesey Village College
Sunday 11	Over Day Centre	THE FIVE PUB CHALLENGE - Sponsored Charity 11.5 Mile Circular Walk - 11.00 am start from The Over Day Centre. & THE MERIDIAN MEANDER - Sponsored Charity 26.2 Mile Circular Walk - 8.00 am start from The Over Day Centre
Thursday 15	Swavesey Camera Club	Creative Nature Photography: Inspiration and Journey - Club member Paul Beastall ARPS will talk to us about the nature photographers who inspire him and, with examples of their work.
Thursday 22	Swavesey Camera Club	Image of the year Competition - Judge: Chris Palmer: A second chance to see the winning entries from this season's competitions.
June		
Sunday 1	Swavesey Camera Club	Jet Ski at Willen Lake, Milton Keynes - An outing to take in the action in this spectacular water sport.
Tuesday 3	Swavesey Parish Council	Annual Parish Council Meeting - Full Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall (Note:- Tuesday)
Thursday 5	Swavesey Camera Club	Further Away From Dudley - Sport remains a major subject in his portfolio, and this talk features sport heavily (but not entirely), both pictorially, and with regard to technique and equipment.

CLUB REPORTS

HOPE YOU DIDN'T MISS IT

Did you come to our Annual Exhibition this year? Did you enter (and maybe win?) our Open Competition? If so we hope you enjoyed the day, the cakes, the card sales and the very special photos and videos on show. However if you did miss out there might be just enough time to remind you of another event we are holding, this time in the main hall of Swavesey Village College on April 3rd, 'Photography in a Flat Landscape', which has been advertised on posters throughout the village in the last few weeks. Tom Mackie is famous for his fine landscape photography, and this evening should have plenty of interest for us in this region, a treat for those of us who love the very special beauty of our skies, pastures and nature reserves. Tickets are free to members, £10 for others, doors open 7.00, presentation from 7.30 to 9.30pm.

We have two other talks on our normal club evenings on similar themes. Chris Upton is an award-winning Travel photographer and on April 24th he will show us his work from UK and "inspirational locations around the world". On May 15th our own Paul Beastall will talk about his favourite Nature photographers, and show us how he has developed his own work over the last 15 years, with much useful information for those who would like to follow his example. It is always a pleasure to see how members like Paul produce their excellent work, so we have a further treat on May 8th when three of our great friends show us how they have formed the 'Swavesey Video Group'. Simon Shore, John Dyer and Mike Swain will take us through their early struggles and later successes using the video facility on their digital cameras to produce important local history and cultural videos. We all have the option of video on our cameras, maybe we don't use this enough, missing many important events.

How about trying out all these topics on our Club outing on 13th April? We are going to Wicken Fen which should provide us with plenty of opportunities. If you don't fancy the great outdoors, on 17th April we are off to Saffron Walden for an early-evening shoot of this picturesque town, then relaxation in a local pub.

Our set subject competition on May 1st is 'Worn Out'; knowing our club this will produce some highly original interpretations. On May 22nd the evening will be far more serious, a most prestigious event, when all the winning photographs from this year's competitions will be shown again and the finest image chosen as 'Image of the Year.'

Nowadays we continue meeting much later than in previous years, so there is still plenty to come, so you don't have to wait for the Autumn. Come along any Thursday, you will be very welcome.

Swavesey and District History Society

At our first meeting of the year David Smith gave a presentation called Oliver Cromwell: hero or villain. David first outlined Cromwell's links with Cambridge-shire and explained he was a complex character – radical and conservative with a strong religious conviction verging on the puritan. David used quotes from Cromwell's letters, his contemporaries and various historians between 1903 - 1990. Two years after Cromwell died his body was exhumed and his head placed on a pike in London. The head was secretly reburied in Sidney Sussex College Cambridge either in a thick shrubbery or under the car park!

Programme		
22 April 2014	The Whittlesea Straw Bear Festival	Brian Kell
20 May 2014	The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle	Dr. David Woodman

*The April meeting will be a week later than previously advertised as the College will be closed on the third Tuesday of the month.

Our meetings are extremely friendly and open to everyone who has an interest in local history. All meetings are held in the Global Resources Room in Swavesey Village College at 7.30pm.

For more information about the Society contact Carolyn Redmayne (01954 230037) or look at our website http://www.swavesey.org.uk/history/

For information, contact:-

Brian Chapman 01954 230784

John Morley 01954 780803

Glynis Fenwick 01954 230634

or info@fenlandsquash.org.uk

Fenland Squash Club can be found on the site of Swavesey Village College. The club is run by the members and has three heated squash courts, showers, changing rooms and balcony viewing. We offer squash (and racketball) for all levels of play – family tournaments, summer handicap league, club monthly league, a weekly club evening; or you can just book a court and play when you wish; 8.00am through to midmight! We run three men's, one ladies and three junior teams, as well as a junior squash club on Tuesdays and Thursdays (rackets, goggles and balls provided).

Visit our website to learn more – www.fenlandsquash.org.uk

Notes from the Reluctant Allotmenteer

I am always thrilled when an e-mail starting off with the word "Gang" lands in my e-mail inbox; it means that Selwyn is imparting his wise words of knowledge on various subjects. His favourite seems to be soil, or when to plant your tomatoes, or where to buy your spuds for chitting from. "Gang" can also mean there is a huge pile of muck to shovel onto the allotment in the form of manure or soil improver, or that volunteers are needed to help with water supply or drainage. But that's the great thing about "gang", it's a community that pulls together and makes it all happen, however reluctant we may sometimes feel.

Why an allotment? Well I like to know where my spuds come from, to have fresh lettuce leaves available, grow the odd exotic veg but, most importantly, that I have given it a go and tried my green fingers out.

Here are my top ten thoughts on the allotment so far:

1. Digging is hard work, so we do not dig, contrary to the expert advice we receive. We turn the soil over about a spade deep and try not to disturb the worms and the soil structure too much; we see our plot as a bit of a control test! Then we add the lovely muck that Selwyn has managed to get us and mix it in - it seems to work. It's best to add this in the autumn, making it good and thick so the worms can work it in.

2. Weather conditions are changeable so be flexible, on rainy days I do housework! If it's not warm enough, wait before you plant tender plants out. Water regularly in drought. Bring plants on under cover if the spring is cold.

3. We grow what we like to eat, not necessarily what's expensive in the shops. We love raspberries, so I have three varieties and have fruit from June to October.

4. I plant 2 courgette plants, there are only a limited number of things you can do with courgettes, and even less with marrows! Two plants are more than enough.

5. Germinate seeds in small batches so you have some in reserve. Subsequently if there is a disaster, frost or flood, you might lose everything; at least then you can have another go! Also you don't then get 50 lettuces all ready to pick on the same day.

6. I love quick results so growing veg that grow quickly is motivational. Radish, lettuce, parsley all seem to be quick. On the other hand, broccoli takes 10 months, so patience is required.

Continued

7. A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill, except learning how to grow in rows, or contain itself to a designated area, so half an hour a day hoeing and weeding adds up to 2.5 hours a week, with 2 days off! It should not need too much more than that to keep the weeds at bay.

8. Plant flowers as well as veg! The whole site looked fab last year with sunflowers, sweet peas, marigolds and roses.

9. The gang enjoy the chat, swapping of ideas, the community spirit. We are putting a recipe book together for lots of you to buy at the Swavesey Festival.

10. It's been a good experience and this year, 2014, will be even more productive than last year; we have all learnt a lot.

On St Patrick's Day the water was reconnected back to the eight water tanks. The gang chitted spuds, planted seeds and enthusiastically started to grow their crops ready to enter the produce show at the Gala Day on 21st June - we look forward to seeing you all there!

Lynsey, plot 5.

Swavesey WI

Swavesey W.I. started the New Year with a delicious meal in the Memorial Hall, the catering was by Davies Catering of Swavesey. A very enjoyable evening was had by all. Our thanks to Chrissie and Jim at Davies Catering for looking after us so well.

Dates for the Diary

April 14th	An evening with a Personal Shopper, Bev Briggs.
May 12th	Resolutions Meeting followed by a talk on the St. Ives Food Bank.

As well as our monthly meeting, we do have a variety of group meetings each month too. For example, Book Group/Eating Out/Darts/Line Dancing/Scrabble. We run a Trading Stall at each monthly meeting and we also run the Compass Cafe at the Bethel Baptist Chapel on the second Thursday of each month. Something for everyone, why don't you come along and see for yourself?

We meet on the second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Interested? Call Deirdre Burgess (01954) 230897 to find out more.

Spartans News

We had very few games between the middle of January to the middle of February due to the weather but I am hoping that when you read this the weather will have improved and all our teams will have played some more games. Below are some of the team reports:

Under 7's
This is a call to arms for any players interested to join Under our under 7's team from September. We are also interested in finding any parents who would be interested in coaching this team. If so then please contact Matt Whieldon on his number below.

Under 8's
The under 8's first league season continues to be a success from the player participation and enjoyment perspectives. The results in the first half of the season have not gone our way against some strong and skilful sides, the team is striving to turn things round in their remaining 2013/14 games.

Under 9's
A great season to date for the Under 9's with some real progress shown. They are now playing 7 a side on a bigger pitch and this has meant much more competitive games. They have had some great results and they work positively as a team in both training and matches.

Under 10's
The u10's are still competing very well in what is a very tough league and have now progressed through to the Semi Finals of the Cup.

Under 11
We are looking for new players from Swavesey or surrounding villages who would like to get involved. Please contact Matt Mullee on (01954) 201061.

Swavesey Community Choir

Our rehearsals are well under way for our two performances in June as part of the Swavesey Festival.

We are performing at St. Andrew's Church on Wednesday 18th June from 7.30 pm. We shall be performing Magnificat by John Rutter.

We will then be contributing to the "closing ceremony" of the festival with some more contemporary pieces.

Let's hope the weather is kind to us, and I know the Festival will be fantastic.

Please take a look at our website for details of the choir, past performances and future plans www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk .

We are delighted to welcome several new members to the choir but we are always looking for new members so why not come along and give it a try. We are a very friendly bunch meeting every Wednesday during term time at Swavesey Village College. Please contact me if you have any questions: Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095.

Happy Singing ☺

OVER COMMUNITY SINGERS AND DRUMMERS

Do you enjoy singing?
Are you free on Thursday evenings?
Why not come and try singing with the
Over Community Singers!

We sing songs from all over the world with beautiful, uplifting harmonies. We learn songs and parts mostly by ear. We don't hold auditions. We take singing seriously, but most of all we sing for fun. We also have an African Drumming group who play with the choir.

We meet in Over at the Methodist Church Hall on Thursday evenings in termtime (except the second Thursday of each month)
Drummers: 7pm to 7.45pm
Singers: 7.45pm to 9.15pm

More details are available on our website:
www.overcsd.co.uk
Or phone Simon on 01954 202311
We hope to see you soon at one of our rehearsals

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VILLAGE NEWS

WHY WE SHOULD LEARN FROM THE SOMERSET LEVELS IS YOUR HOUSE AT RISK?

Keith Wilderspin Chair Swavesey Internal Drainage Board.

It may surprise you that if it rains in Towcester, Buckingham, Leighton Buzzard, Milton Keynes or Bedford then we should be concerned, for the water from these areas will come past Swavesey on its way to the sea. When that happens the water from our catchment area, which covers such as Bar Hill, Lolworth, Longstanton and Boxworth, cannot be released into the River Ouse and backs up into the lower areas of Swavesey.

As you will have read, the problem in Somerset has been exacerbated by the lack of maintenance to water courses and river defences. Unfortunately we now find that we are in exactly the same situation with regard to the Great Ouse and its flood bank levels. If the river rises too high it can cause over topping of the river bank which substantially increases the flood waters in the Swavesey catchment. This will lead to properties being flooded. We therefore need for all our flood protection banks to be restored to the levels to which they were originally designed and from which they have sunk. We also need to have all our water courses dredged on a regular basis in order to facilitate water flow.

Your Parish Council and Internal Drainage Board have spent several years trying to get this situation remedied. This however has been falling on deaf ears at the Environment Agency, even though they have found money to protect many communities up river of Swavesey with new schemes such as at Hemingford, St Ives and Godmanchester.

The consequence of this is that many houses in Swavesey have had their risk of flooding increase to once in thirty years. We note that, should we be successful in having levels restored, the Environment Agency's own data states that our risk will decrease to once in one hundred years.

You can find out your likelihood of flooding by looking at the Environment Agency website under "Flooding from Rivers and Sea" and by putting in your post code, or from Keith at keith.wilderspin@btinterent.com.

We need all the help that we can get.
If you wish to help, please write to Andrew Lansley MP.

OVER DAY CENTRE ASSOCIATION
(Registered Charity Number 800829)

THE FIVE PUB CHALLENGE

Sponsored Charity 11.5 Mile Circular Walk - 11.00 am
start from The Over Day Centre

THE MERIDIAN MEANDER

Sponsored Charity 26.2 Mile Circular Walk - 8.00 am
start from The Over Day Centre

Sunday 11th May 2014

The Day Centre based in Over is in desperate need of a replacement minibus to pick up our elderly from 16 surrounding villages for a home cooked meal and entertainment before taking them home again. This service is a vital lifeline for many and one we feel very important to continue offering. The Charity Walks this year will specifically be raising funds towards the minibus (which will cost around £60,000).

The Five Pub Challenge will start at 11.00 am from the Over Day Centre (where bacon rolls, tea/coffee will be on sale) and proceed the original way round to the Pike & Eel in Needingworth then the Ferry Boat in Holywell for free soup and a bread roll, the Three Tuns in Fen Drayton for a free cone of chips (for those arriving before 2.30pm), the White Horse in Swavesey and back to the Admiral Vernon in Over for a free piece of homemade cake. This walk will be way-marked with arrows and instructions/maps will be given.

The Meridian Meander is a marathon length walk encompassing historic St Ives and beautiful local villages such as Houghton and Hemingford Grey. This 26.2 mile walk will start at 8.00 am from the Over Day Centre (where bacon rolls, tea/coffee will be on sale). There will be many opportunities to buy food and refreshments from local pubs/shops on the way finishing at the Admiral Vernon in Over for a free piece of homemade cake. Please be aware that this walk will NOT be way-marked but detailed instructions/map will be given. There will be a checkpoint at the Dolphin car park in St Ives. (OS Explorer Map 225 optional but not essential) – contact Allison Box on 07972 912022 for further information on this walk.

Please support this worthy cause by downloading an entry form and sponsor/donation form now at www.overdaycentre.co.uk Pre-entry donation is just £8 (£10 on the day). For any further information contact Amanda on 07891 890302 or amandamonks42@gmail.com

SWAVESEY FESTIVAL 2014

Registered Charity No. 1128778

14th-21st June 2014

Childhood Memories Wanted

If you have saved anything from your own or your children's childhood, we would love to include it in the Festival Exhibition of Childhood in St Andrew's Church. In particular we are looking for toys, games, clothing, baby items, school books, photographs, reports, prizes and sports equipment.
If you can help, please let us know by ringing Pam Nuttall on 01954 203015 or Carole Pook on 01954 230978.

Nursery Rhyme Scarecrows

The Meridian Women's Club Scarecrow Competition this year will focus on the Festival theme of 'Childhood'.
So, put your thinking caps on to see what Nursery Rhyme or Fairy Tale character you can make. There will be a £50 prize for the best character.

Festival Parade

Please join us in the Festival Parade on 21st June, leaving the Primary School at 12.30pm and arriving on the recreation green at 1.00pm for the grand opening of the Gala Day.

Gala Day

The Festival Theme for 2014 will be 'Childhood' and we would like you to dress as your favourite nursery rhyme or TV character from your childhood. We love to see groups or individuals take part. Childhood TV themes will be played for us to sing to along the route. Let's make 2014 a colourful great parade!
Please contact one of us if you have any questions:
Lisa Boyes (01954 232603)
windmillkennels@oneservice.co.uk
Jane Christian (01954 230947)
jane.stevechristian@btinternet.com

Stalls on the Green

A few stalls are still available for the Village Show on Saturday 21st June. To book a stall, please contact Sally Unwin on 230200.

100 Club Monthly Draw

Thank you to all who support Swavesey Festival by joining in the 100 Club monthly draw. Recent winners are:

30th August 2013	First prize	£60	Wendy Norton
	Second Prize	£30	Shirley Smith
	Third prize	£15	Carole Pook
30th September 2013	First Prize	£60	Beryl Hendry
	Second Prize	£30	Margaret Guest
	Third Prize	£15	Derek Rata
31st October 2013	First Prize	£60	David Smythe
	Second Prize	£30	Gary Peet
	Third Prize	£15	Sue Ellington
5th December 2013	First Prize	£60	Brian Dye
	Second Prize	£30	Margaret Guest
	Third Prize	£15	Derek Shaw
3rd January 2014	First Prize	£60	Linda Miller
	Second Prize	£30	John Burgess
	Third Prize	£15	Sarah Hellon
3rd February 2014	First Prize	£60	Graham Dawson
	Second Prize	£30	David Smythe
	Third Prize	£15	Carole Pook
27th February 2014	First Prize	£60	Sarah Hellon
	Second Prize	£30	Peter Fuller
	Third Prize	£15	Neville Tait

Village Show

Entry forms for the Village Show are available from Sally Unwin, 87 Moat Way, Swavesey, or from the Festival Website.
The cost of each entry is £1.00; after five entries the cost stays at £5.00 for any number of entries. For children the cost is 50p per entry; after five entries it remains £2.50 for any number.

www.swaveseyfestival.org.uk

Happy 80th Birthday

To Bob Stone on 17th April 2014

KEEP FIT! HAVE FUN! MAKE FRIENDS!

Linedancing is very good for you, physically, mentally and spiritually. It can help keep joints supple and build up strength in your leg muscles, its good for the heart and lungs, memorizing the step patterns exercises your brain and it is GOOD FUN!

I can hear you say, I have no co-ordination, I have no rhythm, I have two left feet, I can't dance ! YOU CAN !

Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Chapel 9-30 to 11-30am and Fridays at the Memorial Hall 7-15 to 9-15pm. All levels welcome, from absolute beginners to intermediates.

Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 email deborahwalker105@talktalk.net

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Swavesey Surgery
(01954) 230202
Out of hours 0330 123 9131

Over Surgery
(01954) 231550
Out of hours 0330 123 9131

Longstanton
(01954) 207600
Out of hours 111

Bar Hill Surgery
(01954) 780442
Out of hours (01954) 780442 -
call will automatically be diverted

Fenstanton
7E High Street, Fenstanton
01480 461873
Out of hours 01480 461873.
call will automatically be diverted

See our website at www.swavesey.org.uk for the full surgery news letters. Ed

Swavesey Village College Events

Swavesey's Got Talent - Heats Wednesday May 7 - Finals - Wednesday June 4

Folk Night - Friday July 4

Summer Rock School - Workshop - Monday July 21 - Thursday July 24

RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes nature reserve

As I write this in mid-February, yet more rain coming down outside, it hardly seems the time to be thinking about summer flowers.

But for our migrant birds like turtle doves, currently sunning themselves in the Sahel, the pull of the northern hemisphere will already be starting to make itself felt. Their treacherous journey home to the UK is now only a few weeks away.

By the time you read this in April, there may be turtle doves back at Fen Drayton Lakes – I certainly hope so. They're beautiful birds: dainty doves, smaller and darker than the collared dove and slightly larger than a blackbird. Their gentle purr is an evocative sound of summer.

Turtle doves are also our most threatened farmland bird. They migrate here to breed but their population has declined by 93% since the 1970s, so there's a real possibility that soon, in the UK, these birds will no longer be found in the wild.

Here's one of the things we're doing to save them.

When the turtle doves arrive back here in spring, exhausted and emaciated from their extraordinary flight from the Sahel, they will need food: seeds from broad-leaved plants such as fumitory, chickweed and fat hen. They will not be able to raise a family until they have regained their health and put on enough weight to produce an egg. Yet it's becoming increasingly hard for them to find enough, as the way we use and manage land in the countryside has changed.

Pair of turtle doves by Andy Hay (rspb-images.com)

One approach we've been trying out to help the turtle doves has been to develop a flower mix which farmers can grow. It supplies the early season seed food the birds so desperately need to reach breeding weight and sustain their numbers.

The good folk at the National Institute of Agricultural Botany (NIAB) have provided a demonstration plot for us at the NIAB Innovation Farm in Cambridgeshire, so farmers and visitors can go and see this mix for themselves. Operations and Marketing Manager Claire Pumfrey and her colleagues are growing it as part of their exhibit on sustainable resources, alongside other crops designed to promote biodiversity and protect our soil, water and wildlife. The mix will be seen by over 1,000 farmers, scientists and commercial visitors during the 2014 season.

So that's why I'm thinking about summer flowers on a wet day in February: it's a warming thought that many people want to make sure turtle doves have a safe home and a future here.

Operation Turtle Dove:- (http://operationturtledove.org) is a partnership of people and organisations working together on this, to which you can donate if you'd like to help.

In the meantime, fingers crossed that by the time you read this some turtle doves will have made it back from the Sahel to our own Fen Drayton Lakes.

Alison Nimmo, Visitor and Publicity Officer

Fancy a chat? Get in touch on 01954 233 260, at fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk, or visit rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

Community Warden Scheme

Swavesey's Community Warden has been operating in the village since October and has proved popular and welcome by the residents she visits and by the reassurance the service provides to relatives. Some comments received are:

"Having someone contact my mother every morning, has really helped reassure me and mother is enjoying the friendship and help the warden provides"

"When I am away or on holiday, it is good to know that the warden is making daily contact or visits to mum"

"Our Community Warden is so helpful and it's so nice to have that daily contact and chat with her"

The service is there is assist older people to continue to live independently in their own homes and the warden can help with many small tasks such as collecting prescriptions, watering plants, small items of shopping, lifts to local shops or doctors, or just a listening ear, a chat and a cup of tea.

If you would like to know more about how the scheme might help you or a relative, please call Swavesey Community Warden on 07436 102 736. There is a small charge of £5 per week and an introductory two week free trial.

The Warden Scheme is managed by AgeUK Cambridgeshire and supported by Swavesey Parish Council, The Thomas Galon Charity, Bethel Church and Mr Jonathan Barker.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

SWAVESEY & DISTRICT BRANCH

HELP US - HELP THEM

The Royal British Legion is the UK's leading Armed Forces charity. It is not just about those who fought in the two World Wars but also about those involved in the many conflicts since and those still fighting for the freedom we enjoy today.

If you would like to help and give your support for those who have served and their families, then come and join us. Our Branch needs people who would like to help with fundraising such as Poppy Appeal Collectors or support us by becoming a new member.

- All supporters are welcome, you don't have to have an Armed Forces background.
- Membership costs £14 a year
- Youth membership is available for people aged 12 to 16 years
- And we have a special Military Membership offer for those still serving
- Your support really matters

JOIN NOW

If you would like further information please contact:
Branch Secretary Angela Dye - 01954 230484

We are now well into our eleventh year – join us!

We have Tuesday story times

Order your books on line and collect at the library

We hope to see you on our stall at the Swavesey Festival to buy books and boost our funds for another year. We promoted the library at the Swavesey Half Marathon.

Visit us in the Resource Centre at the Village College

If you are a member of the County Library service you can borrow all our books. You can order books and other material for collection at our Library. You and all your family can also join the library with us and borrow up to 12 books each! And remember - it's all Free!!

Opening hours are now

Tuesday	15.30 to 17.30
Wednesday	18.00 to 20.00
Thursday	18.00 to 20.00

And the first Saturday in every month 10am to 12noon

Your Library Committee can be contacted through:

Richard Hart	**202707**	**Sarah Hellon**	**230960**
Jacqui Fuller	**230774**	**John Pook**	**230978**
Sue Jones	**230650**	**Doug and Lorraine Hunt**	**232478**

We always need and welcome volunteers to help man the Library!

SCHOOLS INFORMATION

COMPASS YOUTH CAFÉ

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM YOUTH CAFÉ

WHAT'S HAPPENNING?

It is busy at Compass Youth Café at the moment as we have just started the filming for our film '4TEEN', which will be shown as a part of Swavesey Festival 2014. It is a short drama which links to the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the First World War. We have been very fortunate in getting help from film students in Cambridge who are helping us to learn some of the technical and practical skills in film making.

LIVING IN SWAVESEY

Last year we asked a number of young people what they liked about living in Swavesey and these are some of the top answers:

It is a friendly village

It is peaceful and good for walks around the lakes

The community is very nice - people are friendly

I like the guided bus - I can get to Cambridge and St Ives quickly

I like the shops and the community is very nice. People are chatty

I like the village events like the Festival

COMING UP

Compass Youth Café is open every Friday through term time and we are also open during half-term breaks. This year we are looking to see if it will be possible for us to run during the Easter break too.

We are also organising a Talent Competition for young people as a part of the Festival, so look out for more information about auditions.

SUMMER ROCK SCHOOL 2014

Calling all rockers! Back by popular demand, this year's rock school will run during the first week of the summer holidays (21st - 24th July) with a live concert on the 24th. Open to young people aged 11 - 18 years, this is a four-day course to prepare for a full public show alongside some of Cambridgeshire's finest musicians. The course costs £85 and includes two guest tickets to the live performance on the Thursday night.

Email enowak@swaveseyvc.co.uk for further information.

Starship Children's Centre - Bar Hill

Have you heard of the group called Rising Stars?

This is a group run by Starship Children's Centre for families with children aged 0 - 5 with diagnosed or undiagnosed additional needs. These needs could be anything from a recognised disability to speech & language delays. Recently parents fed back about the group and told us that they really appreciate the group and would love for it to continue.

Unfortunately, due to a low number attending Rising Stars the sessions will now be held 10.00am to 11.30am on the first Friday of each month

Friday 4th April

Friday 3rd May

Friday 6th June

We would love to welcome more families to this group and hope that you can make it to future sessions. To find out what's on see our website at:- www.cambridgeshirechildrenscentres.org.uk/bar-hill

Please share details about this group with any friend / families who you think could also benefit from this group, we do not want to lose the group!!

APRIL BURGESS MARTIN SCHOOL OF BALLET PRESENTS

Napoli

Saturday 10th May 2014

Swavesey Village College

3:15pm or 7:30pm

All tickets £7

To Book: (01954) 200533

Email: tutusrus@ntlworld.com

APRIL BURGESS MARTIN SCHOOL OF BALLET
(PRINCIPAL: APRIL MARTIN ASSOC ARBTA)

Ballet classes at Over Primary School

Thursday afternoons for age 3+ - 16+

Please contact April Martin for information on places for the Autumn term

BALLET IN SWAVESEY

Friday afternoons in Swavesey Memorial Hall for age 4+ - 7+

Please contact April Martin for information on places for the Autumn term.

Qualified experienced teacher Associate of ARBTA, Member BDQT (CRB checked).

Contact 01954 200533 tutusrus@ntlworld.com

DRAMATICA

DANCE/DRAMA WORKSHOP FOR AGE 7 - 12
COME AND HAVE FUN (NO SINGING!)

8 - 9 April
AT SWAVESEY VILLAGE COLLGE
9.30-3.30PM

TUTOR JACK STINTON BA (FULL CRB)
COST £40
BOOK ON dramatica@ntlworld.com or (01954) 200533.

Are you a ...Guitarist? Bass player? Drummer? Singer? Keyboard player?

Swavesey Music School

Rock School Needs You!

From 11am-12noon on Saturday mornings at Swavesey Village College, come and be part of the SMS ROCK SCHOOL

Form bands with other musicians, learn to play your favourite songs, write songs yourselves and perform at regular rock concerts.

Whether you are just starting to play or are already a rock legend, you'll fit right in at Rock School.

To find out more visit us at www.swaveseyms.co.uk

Swavesey Music School

Looking for a lively and creative approach to music for pre-school children?

Swavesey Music School offers a class with a comprehensive range of musical activities: singing, rhythm games, percussion, listening, performing, moving to music; led by an early-years' specialist.

'Kate's Kindy' is on Saturdays at 9 – 9.40am at Swavesey Village College

Want to know more?

Contact Kate Woolf (01954 200975) or visit the website www.swaveseyms.co.uk

BATS

Baby **A**nd **T**oddler **S**ervices are informal services held on the second Monday of each month at 10:30am on the carpet at the back of St Andrew's church on Station Road, Swavesey.

All ages are welcome, but especially pre-school children and their parents and carers. Please join in with us for a story, songs, prayer, craft, drink and a biscuit, and a chance to chat with others.

When the second Monday occurs in the school holidays, please bring your school age children too.

If you would like to know more, then contact Caroline Stevens, by phone: 01954 231433 or email her at: caroline@overroad.co.uk

Forthcoming **BATS**

We move to a new theme "*Stories of Jesus*"

Monday 14th April 2014 – Jesus is very special

Monday 12th May 2014 – Jesus goes to Peter's house

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
19 Needingworth Road, St Ives

Parish Priest: Father Edward Tredota
Assistant Priest: Father Marek Pabis

Tel: 01480 462192
www.sacredheart-stives.org
email: office@sacredheart-stives.org

Mass Times
Saturday 17.00 (Anticipatory)
Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

We also have a large hall available for hire.
Please contact the parish office for details.

The Parish and Priory Church of
St Andrew, Swavesey

A warm welcome awaits you at your parish church.

April and May Diary

Sunday 6th April	Fifth Sunday of Lent
11.00am	**Parish Communion**
6.30pm	**Evensong**
Monday 7th April	
11.30am	**Holy Communion** in the Community Room, Thistle Green
Sunday 13th April	Palm Sunday
8.15am	**Holy Communion**
11.00am	**Parish Communion**
4.00pm-6.00pm in St Andrew's, Swavesey	
Messy Church	
Monday 14th April	Monday in Holy Week
10.30am	**Baby And Toddler Service (BATS)**
Thursday 17th April	Maundy Thursday
7.00pm	**Holy Communion**
Friday 18th April	Good Friday
2.00pm	**Good Friday Service**
Saturday 19th April	Holy Saturday/Easter Eve
9.00pm	**Vigil and Service of Light**
Sunday 20th April	Easter Day
8.15am	**Holy Communion**
11.00am	**Easter Communion**

To arrange weddings, baptisms, services of thanksgiving for the gift of a child, etc., please contact 01954 231903 or www.honeyhill.org .
details from www.honeyhill.org

Saturday 26th April at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church

Cantilena Singers Spring Concert

*including **'The Music of China'***

a selection of Authentic Chinese Instrument Solos played by members of the Cambridge University Chinese Orchestra Society

Tickets (£7 & £5 concessions) from vicar@honeyhill.org (231903)

Sunday 27th April	Second Sunday of Easter
8.15am	**Holy Communion**
11.00am	**Family Service with Holy Communion**
12 noon	**Annual Parochial Church Meetings followed by Bring and Share Lunch**
Sunday 4th May	Third Sunday of Easter
11.00am	**Parish Communion**
6.30pm	**Evensong**
Monday 5th May	
11.30am	**Holy Communion** in the Community Room, Thistle Green
Sunday 11th May	Fourth Sunday of Easter
8.15am	**Holy Communion**
11.00am	**Parish Communion**
Monday 12th May	
10.30am	**Baby And Toddler Service (BATS)**
Sunday 18th May	Fifth Sunday of Easter
8.15am	**Holy Communion**
11.00am	**Parish Communion**
7.00pm	**Sunday Sanctuary at Bethel Baptist Church**
Sunday 25th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter
8.15am	**Holy Communion**
11.00am	**Family Service with Holy Communion**
Thursday 29th May	Ascension Day
7.00pm	**Holy Communion**

LIVELY SUNDAY SERVICE

All WELCOME

Something for ALL the family!

10.45 am each week

Activities for children 0-16 years

First Sunday in the month—Church around the coffee table!
Why not come and try it?

MONDAY NIGHT CLUBS

Explorers, Adventurers and Survivors

Fun and games for children in Keystages 1,2 and 3 every Monday night in term-time.

Come and join us from 6:00pm for an hour of fun activities as we learn about the Christian faith through stories, music and discussions.

(Survivors meet at 7:00pm)

For more information on weekly events:

Please feel free to contact David Mann, our minister, at minister@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk or 01954 230458

www.bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk

EASTER @ BETHEL

Sunday 13th April
Palm Sunday Service 10:45am

Thursday 17th April
Maundy Thursday Supper 7:00pm

Friday 18th April
Good Friday Service 3:00pm

Sunday 20th April
Sunrise Service (Lolworth) 6:00am
Easter Celebration 10:45am

Easter Labyrinth

A reflective journey through the events of Holy Week. A time to think about yourself and God.

Monday April 14th
to
Saturday April 19th

Come when you please - stay as long as you need.

Messy Church
Messy Easter
St Andrew's Church
Sunday 13th April
4-6pm
Crafts - Worship - Tea
This event is for families.
We recognise that families come in all shapes & sizes:
You , your partner & your grandchildren
You , your partner & your children
You & your grandchildren
You & your partner
Just you
You & your children
You are all very welcome.
Look out for our posters for more information, or check www.honeyhill.org

PARISH AND COUNTY NEWS

From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Well, what a wet winter, but at the time of writing Swavesey had not experienced any flooding affecting houses however we must continue to press the Environment Agency to raise the river bank to it's specified level in order to ensure that Swavesey remains dry. I, the Parish Council and the Internal Drainage Board are all pressing for that to be done as soon as possible.

In my role as Vice- Chairman of the Council I have had great opportunities to see the very best of events in the District. Last week we were invited to give the prizes to a sports day for over 150 children with learning disabilities from 12 schools in Cambridgeshire. They were fantastic, so patient with each other and giving it their best shot.

South Cambs local plan is still going through procedures to be agreed by Government inspectors. This is extremely important as failure to agree could result in developers applying for permission to build which could not be refused by the Planning Committee. Fortunately we managed to get the planners to agree that there should be no proposals for big developments in Swavesey but if the plan fails we may have to fight.

The Council is continuing to work to prevent families having to go into Bed and Breakfast accommodation. This reduces the cost to the council as well as reducing the stress to all members of the families. Houses are being bought and refurbished as well as new houses being built.

You may have seen in the papers that the Council, in conjunction with the City Council and County Council have applied to the Government for "The City Deal" which will provide £500 million to support the infrastructure growth. This will provide a real boost to roads and transport which will support jobs and prosperity in our area. I am sure you will hear more of this in the near future.

The elections in May will include the Euro elections as well as the District. I will be standing for re-election to the District and hope to continue to represent you in the future. It has been a pleasure.

As usual I am available to help you at any time. Call me on 01954 202923 or 07774146331
Sue Ellington

Memorial Hall Newsletter

February 2014 Vol 1 Issue 1

Keeping you posted!

Over the past few years the Hall has seen a large amount of change to the interior, and maintenance work to the exterior of the building. As with any older building there are always things that require attention! The Trustees do value all the user groups' and residents' opinions on how to continually improve the Hall. The latest project hopefully to be fitted soon, two internal doors situated inside the main front door to give the impression of a porch. It is hoped with a set of extra doors this should keep the cold air at bay!

Other ideas being considered are:

New Front Doors

Replace the Main Hall Floor

Solar Panels

The digital projector in the Meeting Room has been the most praised addition in the last year. Business bookings use this along with user groups who wish to watch films and of course access to the internet can only now enhance this benefit!

A recent event below shows that the Hall is a multi-purpose building for all celebrations and functions.

For further information about the Hall contact Mrs Nicole Mullee; Tel 07963 861791 or email memorialhall@swavesey.org.uk

New Cycle Racks

Our new cycle racks arrived just before Christmas and are situated on the gravel area to the right of the Hall. Please can we ask that all bikes are placed here now and not in the Hall corridor.

Store Cupboard

One of the main topics of Hall meetings is the store cupboard! If you use the chairs and tables then please put them back when you have finished with them. All user groups that store your club's items in the cupboard please remember lots of people access it, a reminder to keep to your designated areas. Thank you.

Wi-Fi

We are moving with the times……! The Hall now has Wi-Fi, the code is available to all Hall bookings. The access code is listed in the Corridor & Meeting Room.

HALL HOURLY RATES

	BEFORE 6PM	AFTER 6PM	MEETING ROOM
CLUB	£ 7.50	£ 8.50	£ 6.50
RESID	£ 16.00	£ 17.00	£ 12.00
BUS	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00

Parish Council FREE Kerbside Collection of Waste Electrical Appliances

Thursday 1st May 2014

Do you have electrical items that you no longer use or want? WISER Recycling can help you and you can help your local community at the same time ….

WISER Recycling are a local recycling company based in St Ives and will be conducting a second collection of Household Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) in Swavesey on Thursday 1st May. Electrical items will be collected in the morning by WISER vehicles. Any electrical item will be collected (including non-working) from hairdryers, videos, microwaves, to televisions and fridge/freezers - basically, anything with a plug on. WISER Recycling will collect from right outside your house! All items will be taken to our fully licensed treatment facility in St Ives for Reuse, Refurbishment or Recycling.

In partnership with local Parish Councils, WISER will make a donation to the Parish Council to be used on Community Projects, the donation will be dependant on the total weight of items collected.

In October 2013 just under 4 tonnes of waste electrical items was collected from Swavesey residents, resulting in a donation to Community Projects of £157.00.

WISER has partnerships with many local and regional charities including Emmaus, Lighthouse, i-Trust and Eco-Computer Systems through which it sells working items back to social groups and low income families. We are full permitted and authorised by the Environment Agency and operate to international standards; ISO 9001 (Quality), ISO 14001 (Environmental) and OHSAS 18001 (Health & Safety), ensuring a professional recycling and recovery service, second to none.

Don't forget, save your Electrical Waste and help your village. In the meantime, if you'd like to find out more about WISER's services, please visit our website: www.wisergroup.co.uk

This collection is being arranged with the support of Swavesey Parish Council and Swavesey Neighbourhood Watch. Putting your waste electrical items out for collection will help support local clubs and events. Thank you

Don't forget……Thursday 1st May 2014

Supported by Swavesey Parish Council

Tel: 01954 202982 Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk

SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News January February 2014

COUNTY COUNCIL
Highway repairs are on going. The public consultation concerning the double yellow lines in Taylor's Lane is complete and the work will be carried out along with some reinforcing of existing white lines.

The PC decided not to carry out any more tarmacing of verges in Middle Watch.

A sign will be erected at the Village College directing cars to the rear car parks to assist with parking issues in Gibraltar Lane.

The plans for the footpath/cycle way are progressing following consultations with adjoining land owners.

The PC has responded to the County Council and Balfour Beatty concerning their proposals for the replacement streetlights in the village.

The PC has raised major concerns that the winter gritting schedule does not include Fen Drayton road and safeguard its use by School Buses to the Village College. We are pressing for a review for next winter.

The County Council are to assist in checking that the ditch behind Whitegate Close is not obstructed.

DISTRICT COUNCIL
The Local Plan has been accepted by the District Council. Swavesey will be upgraded from a group Village to a Minor Rural Centre.

Northstowe has received phase1 planning consent.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND POLICE BUSINESS
The Council received reports from our NHW coordinator.

The PC is awaiting a response to a letter to Inspector Sutherland expressing its concerns about policing in the village. The police mounted 'Operation Oakland' with a police presence in the village to raise awareness of house and car security.

The new form of Local Police Liaison Panels is now operating. The PC nominated Polly Wilderspin, our NHW coordinator to represent the parish at the meetings. The next Panel Meeting will be in Swavesey, at the Village College, on June 11th, 7.30pm.

DRAINAGE
The Council is following up drainage concerns and awaiting a reply from the Environment Agency to a letter setting out those concerns. The Clerk is in contact

COUNCIL NEWS

with SCDC to check the level of the earth bund between Moat Way and the field to the South East.

VILLAGE MATTERS
The drain pipe from Swan Pond taking overflow water to the main drainage system is awaiting clearance of a sump under the road to improve the water flow.

The PC adopted a plan to improve the maintenance of the village recreation green and the football pitches. The PC agreed to award a one year contract to Buchan's Landscaping and Ground Maintenance for work in the village for the 2014 year.

Work to the green will include weed control which may have short term effects until the grass takes over.

PLANNING
The planning application for 20 affordable homes off Fen Drayton Road came before the PC for a decision following a long period of consultation within the village. The application was supported by the PC by a narrow majority. The result was passed to the District Council with a number of conditions, which the PC would like to see attached to any planning decision. Concerns expressed by four Moat Way families in letters to the PC were considered as part of the process. Full details of the consideration of the application can be seen in the PC minutes on the website at www.swavesey.org.uk/parish_council

The Council considered a number of other planning applications and passed their views to the planners.

MOAT WAY PLAY AREA PROJECT
A report and recommendation from the working group for a design for the play area was agreed and grant funding is being sought with support from the Parish Council.

PARISH COUNCILLOR ELECTIONS MAY 2014
All eleven Parish Council seats are up for election in May 2014. The Parish Council is a Quality Council, this means we need to fill all eleven seats. If you wish to contribute to village life and wish to find out more about becoming a Councillor please contact Linda Miller, Clerk to the Council.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
The Annual Parish Meeting will be delayed until July 2nd to take account of the elections in May

THE COUNCIL IS AWARE THAT DOG FOULING IS INCREASING. PLEASE CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR PETS AND USE THE DOG BINS!!

Council Agendas, Minutes and current issues can all be found on the Parish Council webpage at www.swavesey.org.uk

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From Your CC - Mandy Smith

The budget has now been set. I have received a few comments and I am taking these on board, I have received the most comments about public transport.

We are still working on thoughts and ideas for transport around the County, so do please keep chatting to me.

The Highways department has recently been re-organised, any issues can be reported on line, or please let me know and I will add them to the list.

Would you use the Guided Bus if there was a feeder bus to the stop?

Please let me know if you would like to be added to my email circulation list, so I am able to give you more updates.

Mandy Smith
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Parish Council Elections 22nd May 2014
Would you be interested in being a Parish Councillor?

Being a parish councillor is a voluntary position and Council Meetings are held monthly in the Memorial Hall. Swavesey Parish Council consists of 11 Councillors and is a "voice" representing the village and its inhabitants. The Parish Council carries out many duties within and on behalf of the village including management and maintenance of the public open spaces within the village, support of village organisations, consult on local development plan issues, liaison with County and District Councils on many differing subjects, comments on all planning applications relating to the parish as well as many other topics. The Council has no jurisdiction on final decisions in planning, education, road safety, health, etc but it does have powers of comment.

If you are over 18 years of age, are a British, Commonwealth or EU citizen and comply with a brief list of qualifications regarding where you live or work, plus have a healthy interest in your village, what goes on in it and its future then you could become a Parish Councillor. A range of advice and training is available for Parish Councillors once elected.

Parish councillors also have representation on several village committees and charitable bodies such as: Memorial Hall, Community Pavilion, Meridian Magazine, Swavesey Festival, Swavesey Action for Youth, Community Warden Scheme, Constable's Rood, Byeways, Frere Cottages Trust and The Thomas Galon Charity. As well as these, Councillors also represent the village on various ad-hoc outside committees and consultation groups such as The A14 Improvement Scheme, Northstowe Parish Forums, plus others as and when required.

Swavesey Parish Council is a Quality Council and as part of this we like to encourage interest and involvement from all aspects of our community and would like to see this represented within the Council though the involvement of people of all ages and both women and men. To maintain the Quality Council status, the Council would like to encourage at least a full compliment of nominations (11) for this year's election. More than 11 nominations will lead to a parish poll.

Swavesey Parish Council is a very pro-active Council and its work covers a diverse range of services and support for the village. There is also always opportunity for local residents' input with project working groups – some examples are play area refurbishment, setting up of the allotment site and pond maintenance.

The next Parish Council elections are due on Thursday 22nd May 2014, when all 11 Council seats will be up for election. Nominations will open at the end of February and close on 24th April.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Parish Councillor or wish to collect a nomination form, then please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council
Tel: 01954 202982 Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk

Or come along to one of our meetings, held every 4th Monday in each month at the Memorial Hall. Agendas are published on the village noticeboard and website.

More information on Parish Council business and the role of Parish Councillors can be found on our website at: www.swavesey.org.uk/parish_council

CAMBRIDGESHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

CAMBRIDGE CENTRAL BRANCH

www.cfhs.org.uk

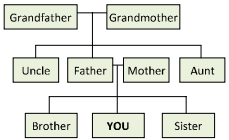
Registered Charity No. 278815

Free to attend

DISCOVER YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Come along to the Central Library, Cambridge and find out how to discover your family history.

Cambridgeshire Family History Society will be at the library to offer advice and do lookups on family history websites.



There will be a different talk each month, from 1.30-2.30pm, that will explain the types of records you can use to trace your ancestors.

We'll also be selling a wide range of CDs of transcribed parish records that will help you take your research back even further.

Third Saturday of each month, starting 18 January 2014, 11.00-15.00

Cambridgeshire Collection Rooms, Third Floor, Central Library, Lion Yard, Grand Arcade, Cambridge, CB2 3QD

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Spotlight on scams and mis-selling

Cambridgeshire County Council

Recently the national press have covered the story of Sylvia Kneller, a pensioner who lost over £200,000 to scam letters over the past 56 years. Friends and family warned her that these were scams, but she didn't want to believe them, ever hopeful that a big windfall would soon be hers.

At Trading Standards we sadly come across residents in Cambridgeshire who have lost significant amounts of money, for some their life savings, to such scams. These scams are operated by career criminals who use sophisticated tactics to persuade you to part with your money. We hope the article below will help you to avoid many of the most common types of scam.

Scam letters

- Commonly these claim you have won a prize and ask for a small payment in advance … and then another, each time requesting a larger sum. No prize is ever forth-coming. We also frequently uncover letters from supposed 'clairvoyants' who claim they can bring you luck or protect you from harm in exchange for payments. These are all scams and once you send money to one, you will be inundated with more.

Telephone scams

- Beware of callers who claim to be calling about the non payment of telephone bills and threatening to disconnect you unless immediate payment is made. Check the facts and contact your provider on the number provided in your paperwork. Ensure there is a dialing tone before calling them in case the fraudsters have remained on the line ready to pose as your service provider. If there is not a dialing tone, try again in 5 minutes.
- You may experience a series of silent calls, followed by a call from a company offering to help prevent silent calls, for a fee. This call is made by the same fraudsters who were making the silent calls.

Door-to-door callers

- "With regards to house alarms, beware of telesales calls (often followed up by a house call) offering an alarm system at virtually no cost. The catch is the annual service charge which amounts to thousands of pounds.
- Beware of any trader who knocks at the door offering to do home improvement or gardening work for you, no matter how friendly they seem or how cheap the job appears. This is the prime way rogue traders find customers.
- Be cautious of door-to-door callers who claim to be ex-convicts who are trying to turn their lives around by selling domestic products such as dusters. Their story is untrue and once you buy from them they will call on you again and again.

For further information or to report a scam, visit Action Fraud's website www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 1232040.
If you feel that you are trapped in a cycle of responding to scam letters/calls and are sending frequent payments, we can provide you with support to help you break the cycle. Please contact us via the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline, on 0845 4040506.

THE
SWAVESEY PATCH

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Creating a safer
Cambridgeshire

CRIMINALS HAVE TOLD HISTON POLICE THAT SWAVESEY IS A SOFT TOUCH

Many readers who are NHW members will be aware of the crimes that that we sometimes suffer, as they are kept informed. It is sad to note that even though we are a comparatively low crime village, we are deemed by the criminal fraternity to provide easy pickings.

The police have spent some time in our village testing individual homeowner's precautions as part of Operation Oaklands. They came to Swavesey because of this perception amongst the criminal fraternity. They found unlocked cars, windows, homes and sheds without crime prevention measures. This is why we are deemed a soft touch. I am hoping that we can change this.

Please join NHW by emailing me as below. You will receive police messages at a higher level than from e-cops. Please look out for crime alerts so that you know who is about and take precautions accordingly. If we do this, they will not come here and take that which is rightfully ours.

VILLAGE COORDINATOR POLLY WILDERSPIN
Polly.wilderspin@btinternet.com
01954 230083

Community Groups & Charities

Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk. For more info see:-www.camsight.org.uk
CAMTAD	CAMTAD is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office. on 01223 416141, e-mail admin@camtadcambs.org.uk or check the web-site www.camtadcambs.org.uk.
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919).
Community First Responder Scheme	The local group in Over and Swavesey has provided help over many hours and attended over 20 patients in your community. You can support the group and help to fundraise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact:- responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk or call 01284 731802
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People	Hearing Dogs for Deaf People is a national charity and centre of excellence in training dogs to alert deaf people to important sounds and danger signals in the home, work place and public buildings. Contact:- Jenny Parker Branch Organiser and Speaker 01223 833562 (evenings only), jennifer.parker5@btopenworld.com
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815 134, email clare.bates@each.org.uk
Community Resourcing	We have a small group of local volunteers (local residents from our community) who would like to help other members of our community with any practical tasks. Contact:- Parish Council Tel: 01954 202982 or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk
Help the Heroes	We support those wounded in the service of our country. Contact:- 01480 478526
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by CRB checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver
Swavesey Village College Community Education	Evening courses in a variety of subjects and day workshops. Contact:- Adult Education, Swavesey Village College, Gibraltar Lane, Swavesey, Cambs, CB24 4RS. Telephone: 01954 230373 E-mail: community@swaveseyvc.co.uk Website: www.swaveseyvc.co.uk

CLUB INFORMATION

Allotments in Swavesey	Down Hale Road towards the windmill on the right there are 61 plots, mostly 150 sq yds (125 m2) in area, backed up by eight water tanks. Large yields of a wide range of high quality vegetable, fruit and flower crops can be grown successfully. If you are interested in joining the waiting list contact Selwyn Richardson on 01954 202974.
Bell Ringers	Practice night Tuesdays, 7.30-9.00pm at St Andrew's Church. New ringers of all ages welcome. Contact Tower Captain, Andrew Stevens on (01954 231433) for details. Email: steeplekeeper@ely.anglican.org Website: http://www.ely.anglican.org/bells/ely/swavesey.htm
British Legion	For information contact:- Chairman - Gordon Hilton-Jackson (01954) 230606) or Secretary - Angela Dye (01954) 230484
Fenland Squash Club	If you are interested in playing squash at Swavesey Village College then contact Geoff Green on (01954 231000) Website: www.fenlandsquash.org.uk
British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. Our clubs welcome mixed abilities of all ages. After school clubs are held for Infants (3.45pm to 4.15pm) and Juniors (4.15pm to 5.15pm) on Tuesdays at the Memorial Hall, Swavesey; and Infants (3.45pm to 4.15pm) and Juniors (4.15pm to 5.15pm) on Thursdays at Fen Drayton Village Hall. Evening classes for all ages are held on Monday 6.30-8pm at Cambridge Regional College Sports Hall, Wednesday 6.30-8pm at Fen Drayton Village Hall, and Friday 6.30-8pm at Fen Drayton Primary School. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk Website: www.btsdi.com
Over District Rainbows, Brownies & Guides	Over Rainbows: Monday & Tuesday, 5.30pm-6.30pm, Over Primary School - Over Brownies: Wednesday, 6.00pm-7.30pm, Thursday 5.30-7.00pm, Over Church Hall - Over Guides: Tuesday, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Over Church Hall - District Commissioner Jeanette Fenn 01954 232283 jeanette.fenn@hotmail.co.uk
1st Swavesey Brownies	Meet 6:00pm - 7:30pm in the Swavesey Memorial Hall every Monday. We are always looking for new girls and parent helpers. Please contact Catherine Groves (Brown Owl) tel. (01954 202648) or mobile 07969 815198 if you are interested in participating.
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre. The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams, as well as vets (over 40s) and when possible junior teams. - Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: yes.helen@gmail.com - website: http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/

Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113)
Swavesey Camera Club	Meet every Thursday, 7.30-9.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Non-members welcome (£4.00 charge). For further details ring Peter Looper (01954) 202461
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in St. Cecilia's Hall at SVC, from 7.30pm - 9pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095. Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk
1st Swavesey Cub Pack	The Cubs meet at the Scout Hut every Tuesday during term time from 6.30pm - 7.30pm Leader Lynda Mayer 01954 204768
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Swavesey Five-a-Side Football Club	Meet each Wednesday evening at 7pm until 8pm in the Sports Hall at SVC. Anyone interested should contact Stewart Smith on (01954) 200068 or s2art50@lycos.co.uk
Swavesey Institute Football Club	New players always welcome, please contact Phil Baines on 01954 200377 [Saturday sides] or Jerry Ladell on (01954) 201018 [Veterans side].
Swavesey Kids Club	Swavesey Kids Club provides craft/play activities and care for children before and after school, in a friendly and secure environment. Breakfast Club – meets from 7.30am in the Primary School Hall, with breakfast available until 8.15am. After School Club meets 3.15pm-6.00pm week-days in term time at Swavesey Primary School. For information about either club please contact Carol Panther (manager) 07803812221
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Chapel 9-30 to 11-30am and Fridays at the Memorial Hall 7-15 to 9-15pm. All levels welcome, from absolute beginners to intermediates. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 email deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College Only £2.50 per hour. For further details contact: Audrey Caldwell: acaldwell.chk@swaveseyvc.co.uk
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Autumn/Winter meetings on the second Wednesday in the month at Over Town Hall at 7.30pm starting Wednesday September 14th 2011. Contact- Frances Parish: (01954) 270303 or Pat Miles: (01954) 780485
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.30pm. From 1 April – 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Fridays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from John Graham john.graham@sotennis.co.uk or website http://swaveseyandovertennisclub.btck.co.uk/

Swavesey Playtimers	Wednesdays 10am-11.45am in the Memorial Hall for anyone aged between 0-5. There is time for playing, refreshments and a group singing session. Cost £3 per family. Contact Becky on (01954) 205230
Swavesey RADSoc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year. New members always welcome. Contact: Chris Avery (01954) 781233. Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk.
Swavesey Ramblers	Meet last Sunday of every month 10.00am in the Market Street for 5-6 mile walk. Tel 230650 for more information
1st Swavesey Guides	We meet from 6:30pm to 8pm in Bethel Baptist Church Hall every Thursday during term time. For more details please contact Claire Hagger chhagger@gmail.com.
1st Swavesey Sea Scouts	The Scout Group meets every Friday during term time at the Scout Hut on the SVC site (between the youth centre and the squash courts) from 7.30pm. Scout Leader is Andrew Batey; contact: scouts@onthemeridian.org.uk

Chairman	James Tait	01954 232183	**Swavesey Spartans Contact Details**
Secretary	Dave Rudderham	01954 203258	
Treasurer	Cathy Goat	01954 231080	
Child Welfare Officer	Theresa Sarkar	01954 231079	
Development Officer	Jerry Ladell	01954 201018	
School Liaison Officer	Dannie Parmenter	01954 232775	

Managers

Team	Manager	Contact No.	Assistant	Contact No.
Under 8	Neil Jordison	01954 204390	Sabuj Sarkar	01954 231079
Under 9	Matt Whieldon	01954 232997	Mike Stokes	01954 230783
Under 10	Mike Stokes	01954 230783	Jez Daniel	01954 232861
Under 11	Matt Mullee	01954 201061	Andy Parmenter	01954 232775
Under 12	James Tait	01954 232183	Dom Meacham	01954 202506
Under 14	Dave Rudderham	01954 203258	TBA	
Under 16	Jon Askew	01480 831559	Phil Lewin	01954 201455
Girls U9 (Yrs 3 & 4)	Darren Bucknall	08450 702226	TBA	
Girls U11 (Yrs 5 & 6)	Dave Hackshaw	01954 205237	TBA	
Girls U13 (Yrs 7 & 8)	Dave Hackshaw	01954 205237	TBA	

Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Classes are held Monday 18:30-20:00 in the main hall at the Primary School, Swavesey and Wednesday 18:30-20:00 in the Memorial Hall. We are a family run club offering Martial Arts training in a friendly atmosphere. Training is available for all ages from 5 and over. Children, adult beginners, family groups and people with previous martial arts experience are all welcome. Contact Louise Morton on 07763 103286 Email: enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk - website: http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/
Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Margaret Springer (01954) 232442.
Great Ouse Trefoil Guild	The Great Ouse Trefoil Guild is a Year Old on March 8th. We are part of the Guide movement but you do not have had to be involved to join. We have lots of good events lined up for the rest of year. Including a picnic and punting evening, a ghost walk and BBQ. Plus lots other talks and craft evening. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. For further details either phone 01954 781381 or email arrowsmith.wendy@hotmail.co.uk

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Please use this form to notify us of any major events you are organising so that we can publish the dates in the magazine and on the website at www.swaveseymeridian.co.uk
It is hoped this will avoid major events clashing on the same day. Please send to the Editor, 14 Black Horse Lane, Swavesey.
Event _____

Location _____ Date _____ Time _____

Contact Name _____ Tel No. _____

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & SPECIAL OCCASIONS

If you would like to mark any occasion that is special to you or somebody that you know by announcing it in this magazine, please fill in the form below.

Also supply your name and contact details, and return to the Editor by the copy date. We will endeavour to include it in our next issue.

SHORT MESSAGE:

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